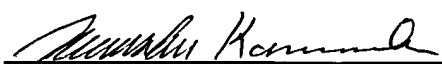


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>HEI-015</b>   |
|   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">10/577371</div> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/JP2004/016345</b>   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>November 4, 2004</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>November 4, 2003</b>   |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>POLYESTER CONTAINER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND METHOD<br/>FOR SEALING POLYESTER CONTAINER</b>   |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Yasushi HATANO; Tsutomu IWASAKI; Masahito KOGURE; Hideo KAWASAKI; and<br/>Hisao IWAMOTO</b>   |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) as indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> |  |  |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>  |  |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under CFR 1.76</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: PCT/IB/301; PCT/IB/304; PCT/IB/308; PCT/IB/311; WO 2005/042373 A1; PCT/ISA/210; PCT/ISA/220; PCT/ISA/237</li> </ol>   |  |  |

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| The following fees are submitted:  |              |  |   | CALCULATIONS                               | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee ... \$ 300.00   |              |  |   | \$ 300.00                                  |              |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ... \$ 100.00<br>All other situations ... \$ 200.00  |              |  |   | \$ 200.00                                  |              |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority ... \$ 100.00<br>International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ... \$ 400.00<br>All other situations ... \$ 500.00  |              |  |   | \$ 500.00                                  |              |
| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>  |              |  |   | <b>\$1,000.00</b>                          |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof  |              |  |   |  |              |
| Total Sheets   | Extra sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof<br>(round up to a whole number) | RATE  |  |              |
| - 100 =  | /50 =        |  | × \$250.00  | \$   |              |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).   |              |  |   | \$   |              |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE  |  |              |
| Total Claims   | 30 - 20 =    | 10   | × \$ 50.00  | \$ 500.00                                  |              |
| Independent Claims   | 4 - 3 =      | 1  | × \$200.00  | \$ 200.00                                  |              |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |              |  | + \$360.00  | \$   |              |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |  |   | <b>\$ 1,700.00</b>                         |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.   |              |  |   | \$ 0.00                                    |              |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |  |   | <b>\$ 1,700.00</b>                         |              |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |              |  |   | +  | \$ 0.00      |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |  |   | <b>\$ 1,700.00</b>                         |              |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property   |              |  |   | +  | \$ 40.00     |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |  |   | <b>\$ 1,740.00</b>                         |              |
|  |              |  |   | Amount to be refunded:                     |              |
|  |              |  |   | Amount to be charged                       |              |
| <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>11-0219</u> in the amount of \$ ____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>11-0219</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> |              |  |   |  |              |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |              |  |   |  |              |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br><b>HAUPTMAN KANESAKA BERNER</b><br><b>Patent Agents, LLP</b><br>1700 Diagonal Road, Suite 310<br>Alexandria, VA 22314<br>(703) 519-9785   |              |  | Customer No.<br><b>32628</b><br>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE   |  |              |
|  |              |  | SIGNATURE<br><br><b>Manabu Kanesaka</b><br>NAME<br><b>31,467</b><br>REGISTRATION NUMBER |  |              |